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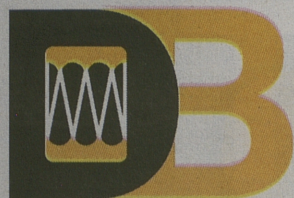
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NEVER FEAR, SUPER MOON IS HERE On Nov. 14, TJC was gazing a beautiful moon, the largest in 68 years. This supermoon overlooked the first NJCAA National Championship Pool Play game against Hill College.

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DEAN NAMED TO STATE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Janna Chancey, TJC dean of enrollment management, has been appointed to the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

GRAND SALINE JOINS PROMISE PROGRAM

On Nov. 4, 59 Grand Saline High School freshmen became the first group to sign pledges to meet the standards of the program during their high school years. In return, the Grand Saline TJC Promise will fund up to two years of their college education.

TJC HONORS SERVICEMEN ON VETERAN'S DAY

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TJC hosted the largest state tournament in over a decade on Nov. 4-6 with 18 colleges and universities in attendance.

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Counselor suggests ways to reduce anxiety

Marshall Cearfoss
Managing Editor

As finals quickly approach, students may experience enhanced anxiety due to the stress. Luckily, there are some tactics that can help alleviate these effects.

"If students have severe test anxiety, they could probably benefit from making an appointment," said Tracey Williams, counselor and learning specialist.

As the campus counselor, Williams has focused her experience in neuropsychology and is willing to help any students with a variety of issues, including test anxiety. The most effective tactic she uses is called "relaxation response."

"It's helpful even outside of test taking,"

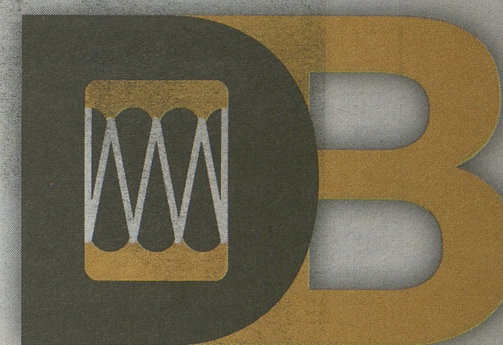
said Williams. "It's helpful anytime you get stressed or overly emotional or something like that."

Although the process is consistently helpful, it typically takes an hour of counseling to learn. So, if students are only experiencing mild anxiety, or aren't able to schedule a counseling visit, here's a shortlist of easy habits students can use to calm down and reduce stress.

This list is only of a few tactics that may help anxiety. If a student is experiencing extreme anxiety or is undergoing any emotional or mental hardships, it is encouraged to schedule an appointment with the campus counselor. For an appointment, go to TJC.edu/counselingappointment or call 903-510-2041.

D.I.Y. WAYS TO REDUCE TEST ANXIETY

- Study in the morning
- Start studying ASAP - don't procrastinate
- Record yourself reading the info and listen to it
- Read carefully - don't skim
- Read every option on multiple choice tests
- Don't drink coffee, energy drinks or anything with caffeine
- Avoid cigarettes, vaping or anything with nicotine
- Isolate yourself before a test (more people = more anxiety)
- Plan for yourself a post-test reward
- Study with calm music
- Don't compare grades with other students
- Avoid things that could cause extra emotions



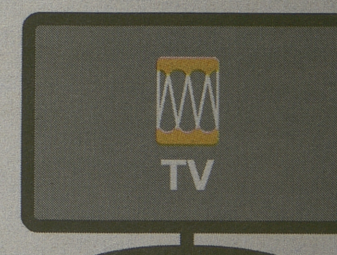
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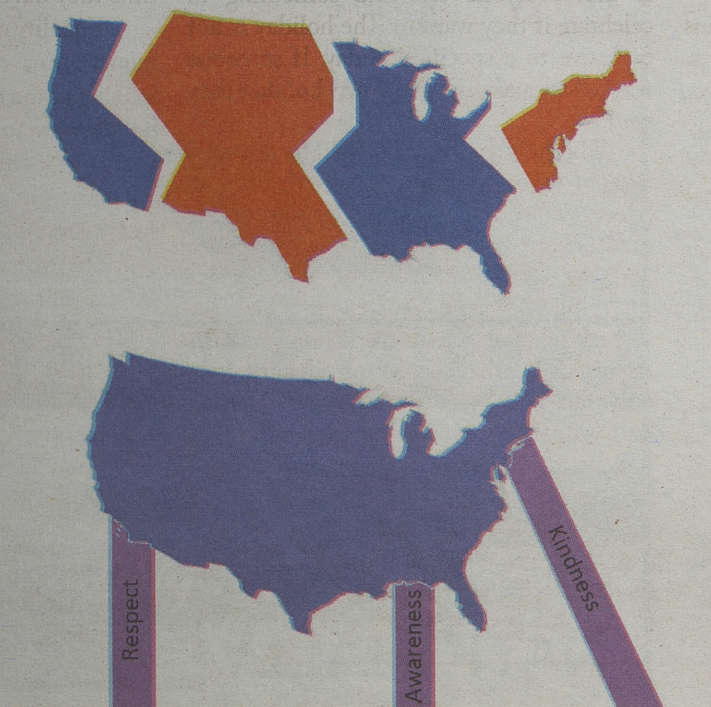


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Though the election season may not have turned out how many wanted, remember that a nation divided cannot stand.



We must respect the rights of every person, be aware of the issues and our role and be kind to all people.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY TAYLOR PALACIOS

We should handle this election with maturity

Editorial

Election Day has come and gone and some Americans are ecstatic with the results while some are far from happy. This election has definitely been one for the books. But even though a lot of us may be upset, we feel that it is important to make an effort to respect Trump and his victory.

Donald Trump will take his place in office January next year and will serve as our president for the next four years. While some of us may not like it, this is how things are planned to go. While we may not agree with everything he says or is about, we feel that it is important to try and respect him -- if not as a person, then as the leader of our country.

Burning flags and rioting is unacceptable, but civilized protesting is a legal right.

We're not saying that it isn't right to be upset or not like the fact that Trump is our next president. We all have the right to feel the way we do. But if we don't want this country to fall apart, we must do our best to handle this in a mature fashion. If you want to share your views or why you disagree with them, do so in a civil manner. How we choose to exercise our first amendment rights can play out many different ways.

A difference in opinion shouldn't tear us apart. Diversity is what makes us who we are. But we also have to remember that while we are different, we are also the same. We're all human beings trying to make it. If we really want to "make America great again," we can't let it all fall on our president. While he plays an important role, what makes or breaks this country is all of us. It all starts with you.

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Column

Don't tell me 'sorry' for electing Trump

I am an immigrant, a legal immigrant. So please people, stop telling me "I'm sorry, I voted for Trump."

Every Brazilian in United States has faced the same questions. Do you speak Spanish? How is Rio? Do you know how to samba? How are you white/black, I thought you were Brazilian.

I gave up on explaining to people the difference between somebody's ethnicity and somebody's race. But now one more question has been added to this list: Are you going to be alright, you know, with Trump as president?

Yes, I am going to be alright, there is a big difference between being a legal immigrant and an illegal immigrant that many people

seem to not see, or care to see, really.

What so far has changed for me significantly is the currency. The dollar went up 4 percent the day after the election and hasn't come down yet. This is something I am currently worrying about, but not me being able to be in United States.

I am a student, I chose to come to United States to have the best education I could get and no, him being elected will affect not my Visa status, but my pocket. I didn't believe so before, but so far I've just seen an increase on the dollar and a stagnation on the Real, my currency and hasn't come down yet. This is something I am currently worried about, but not me being able to be in United States.



Julia Contarelli
Editor-in-Chief

Column

Each holiday should have its own time



Alex Dickson
News Editor

The holiday season, as Americans like to call it, encompasses many holidays. However, while there are many holidays, stores tend to skip all of them and just go straight to Christmas. There is nothing wrong with Christmas, but we should understand that each holiday should be able to have its own time. As a firm believer of equality, it is only fair that every holiday gets its fair shake. A plan for equality would be making Egg Nog a year round item.

Everyone has a feeling about a particular holiday or holidays in general, whether it be that they are just an excuse to take off of work or if they are the best thing to look forward to. The problem in the current system is that people feel as if their favorite holiday should get more time to be celebrated than others.

The beauty of having different holidays

is that everyone can find something to celebrate if they want to. The holiday is not exclusive to a specific holiday. If someone wanted to make up their own holiday, they could.

The holiday season should be a joyous time of year. No matter what election just happened or who lost the Sunday night game, everyone should try to feel at peace with the world.

Holidays were created to celebrate something that was close to one's heart. Again, as a firm believer of equality, it is only fair that each holiday gets its own amount of time. However, in order for each holiday to be equivalent, each person would have to evaluate the holidays the same.

However many people disagree with how the world makes decisions. The holiday season is a time that people should be able to set aside their differences and enjoy the

time they have away from reality.

Equality of holidays is not a reasonable request, nor does it really matter when looking at the big picture of life. Ultimately, holidays are for enjoyment and celebration. Thus, if an individual wants to give the same amount of allotted celebration time to each holiday it is on that individual to do so.

The fact of the matter is that people should not have to worry about which holiday is being prioritized, and which on is not. The prioritization should be up to the individual's discretion.

Holidays are a happy time, meant for peace and harmony no matter the reality of politics or responsibilities. It's the time when everyone can feel free to relax and momentarily forget about the stress of the world, but forgetting is up to the person themselves.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors,

So, the election happened and America voted for the next president. I spent Election night in the Drumbeat newsroom, surrounded by diverse opinions and passionate debates. While the excitement climbed through out the night, and the results came in, I almost immediately noticed something that I feel needs to be addressed.

It has been no secret that the presidential candidates were unfavorable. A lot of people I talked to didn't want to vote for either candidate, and was voting third party. This has been a very important election. I have been lucky to have already voted in my lifetime and was proud to vote again (despite the actual election). To me, voting is a right that should be celebrated, not chastised. As soon as the results came in, I noticed many people saying those who voted third party didn't make a difference and wasted their vote. I have an issue with this. We live in a country where our

voice can be heard. I feel like every vote counts and no one should be ridiculed for their vote, third party or otherwise.

We live in a country where our voiced opinion does matter. We are lucky to have this freedom and we should always exercise our right to vote. To these people saying that the ones who voted third party didn't make a difference, please stop. To those who are angry, take a second to realize that your words could prevent someone from participating in future elections. The whole point of the election is to vote. Why would you want to bully someone about who they voted for when there are probably not even people voting at all? Every vote makes a difference in the election, and I would just like to applaud anyone who actually did go out to vote. Your vote mattered, no matter what anyone says.

Sincerely,
Symone Sheppard

Busting Christmas holiday myths

Most people believe things about Christmas that aren't true. Are you one of those people?

There are many myths and misunderstandings that surround Christmas. Here's three common beliefs that are actually myths.

Myth 1: Three kings came to Jesus

While there is much we know about the magi, neither the Bible nor any of the writings of the early Church Fathers indicate how many "magi" were there and whether or not they were kings. The number of magi who visited is sometimes assumed to have been three because the Bible says they brought three gifts.

Myth 2: Jesus was born on December 25

Scholars say it's unlikely that Jesus was born on December 25th. The Bible says the shepherds were "keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8). Due to the very cold winters, shepherds only "kept watch" in the fields from April to October. The commonly celebrated date of Dec. 25th was chosen by the Roman Catholic Church during the fourth century and has been a tradition ever since.

Myth 3: People who call it "Xmas" are taking the Christ out of Christmas.

"Christ" written in Greek starts with the letter called chi. In the first century Greek alphabet, chi is represented by the symbol "X". Replacing divine names with abbreviations was a common practice seen in the manuscripts of the scriptures we have today. This was never an attempt remove Christ and should not be assumed so today.

I hope you have a great, accurate Christmas!

Column



Steven Myers
Staff Writer

The first college food pantry coming in 2017

TJC partners with East Texas Food Bank to help students in need

Marshall Cearfoss
Managing Editor

One in three college students only have enough money to choose between paying for food or paying for education, according to a 2014 Hunger In America study. Starting in the spring, TJC will have a charitable option to help those students.

"We're looking to do just a monthly food pantry," said Lauren Tyler, director of Student Life. "Most likely to be on a Thursday from 5-7 as a client-choice model. So, students will sort of have a shopping cart list, and they can check off what they eat."

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-Lauren Tyler
Director of Student Life

Student Life is leading the charge with Apache Pantry, a project in conjunction with East Texas Food Bank. This will be the first college-run food pantry in East Texas, which may hopefully inspire other local colleges to follow suit.

"A lot of the common perception is that these are college students who have money to go to school, they're just not responsible with their money," said Michael Hetrick, online communications manager at East Texas Food Bank. "There's a lot of people that we serve that are very responsible with their money, they

just don't have enough of it to make ends meet."

The pantry is tentatively scheduled to begin serving in January of 2017 and will be housed where the campus clinic used to be on the second floor of Rogers Student Center. East Texas Food Bank will be the pantry's main provider.

"We're excited about opening a pantry on the campus at TJC," said Jennifer Barnes, agency services representative at East Texas Food Bank. "We have access to basically the same products, but at a much lower rate."

Although the food bank will be Apache Pantry's primary source of products, there will also be an "adopt-a-shelf" system of donations where TJC organizations will be able to "adopt" a specific kind of food to donate. Throughout each semester, the student organizations will focus their food donations on whatever shelf they have adopted. This system is geared toward helping organizations make intentional goals for food drives and donations.

"TJC's going to start their pantry on strictly shelf-stable items," said Barnes. "No refrigeration or freezer yet, but we hope to grow into that. We want students to have access to full meal options. ... I don't want a student at TJC or a family in Tyler to go to a pantry and pick up stuff that I wouldn't feed to my family."

But students struggling for food don't have to wait until January for a free meal. The Association of Baptist Students, Wesley House and Baptist Student Ministry serve free food on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively. Additionally, the BSM is also known for their pancakes and bacon served on Thursday evenings.

"Our mission statement for our free lunch has to do with representing the

love of Christ as we seek to meet physical and social needs, and also connect people with a Christian community," said Mark Jones, director of the TJC BSM.

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Agency Services representative at East Texas Food Bank

Jones also believes that the Apache Pantry will open up options for students who may have separate personal or religious obligations.

"We try to really embrace the community that is TJC," said Jones. "But people are going to go into Rogers Student Center for that food pantry who

may not want or feel comfortable coming into a Christian ministry. I get that, too."

Apache Pantry will also be utilizing the resources already provided by Residential Life's HUGS Closet (Helping Us Graduate Successfully). HUGS was a program originally created by Phi Theta Kappa, but has since been passed to Residential Life.

"For the last semester, it has been RHA doing all of it. Last year, we served over 80 students, both residential and non-residential," said Patti Light, assistant director of Residential Life.

HUGS has been a source for faculty-referred students in need of simple essentials such as linens, personal hygiene items and other things students may occasionally be in need of.

"What we're going to do with Apache Pantry is that the school supply part of HUGS and the personal care items are all going to go to Apache Pantry," said Light. "So students can also request those items, and it will be packed with their food."



Photo by Marshall Cearfoss

INSIDE LOOK Future location for the food pantry, second floor of Rogers Student Center.

'Keep TJC beautiful' begins in the Spring Semester

New sustainable project encourages students to keep campus clean

Barbara Arroio
Web Editor

TJC is becoming more sustainable. Student Senate and Facilities & Construction are working on a new project to 'Keep TJC Beautiful.'

"We really just want students to take pride in their campus and make sure that it stays beautiful. We're rich in tradition, but if we're not taking care of the buildings and of our campus we're not going to stay that way," said Lauren Tyler, Director of Student Life.

The project consists mainly of getting students to participate on the maintenance on campus, picking up

trash and making sure the grounds and facilities are presentable. Mark Gartman, Associate Director of Facilities & Construction, was the one who came up with the idea for this new initiative.

"Since I'm in charge of our facilities, that includes the grounds, gardens, flower beds, sidewalks parking lots... and we spend a lot of time and money keeping them clean. We have a lot of trash that accumulates in those places, trash everywhere," said Gartman.

Working with the facilities, Gartman has access to information, such as how much money is spent to

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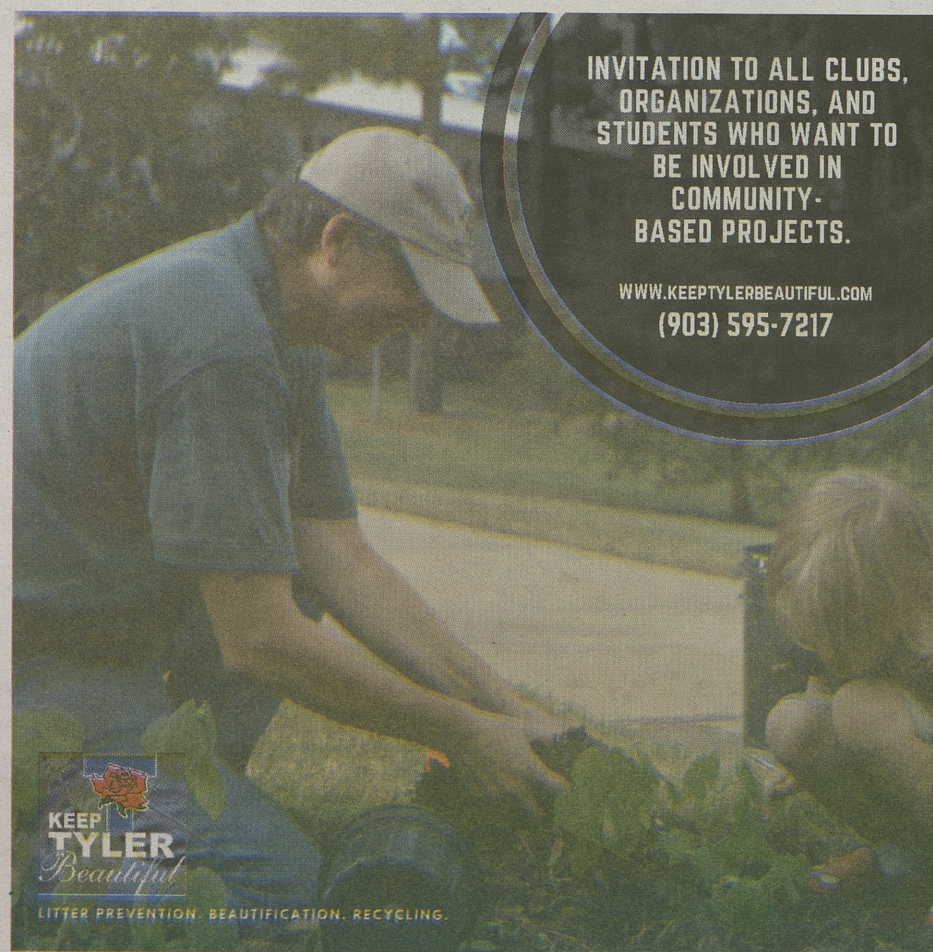
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Getting together, Tyler and Gartman found a way to get students involved. One of the initiatives of the project will be to give organizations on campus the opportunity to adopt a building.

"We're working with the

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'The Nutcracker' classic returns for 28th season

Tchaikovsky's famous ballet makes its way back to the stage

Rebecca Najera
Arts Editor

The Nutcracker is returning to the stage for its 28th anniversary at TJC. The classic ballet was composed by Pyotr Tchaikovsky and made its stage debut in December of 1892.

"I am so proud to be a part of this incredible tradition," said TJC Academy of Dance Director Carolyn Hanna. "The fact that the community continues to encourage and promote this ballet gives me hope that The Nutcracker will continue for many more years to come."

Ballet mistress, Thereza Bryce-Cotes feels that after watching The Nutcracker, people may peek an interest in ballet.

"Everyone knows The Nutcracker around Christmas time," said Cotes. "When I see the outcome of what it does for TJC, how it's getting students to come, to learn, to

want to take ballet ... it is like a foundation for all the other ballets."

This year's production has over 115 performers, ranging from age six to over 60. The academy has invited professional ballet dancers Abigail Simon formerly of Joffrey Ballet, and George Sanders of Ballet Memphis to dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

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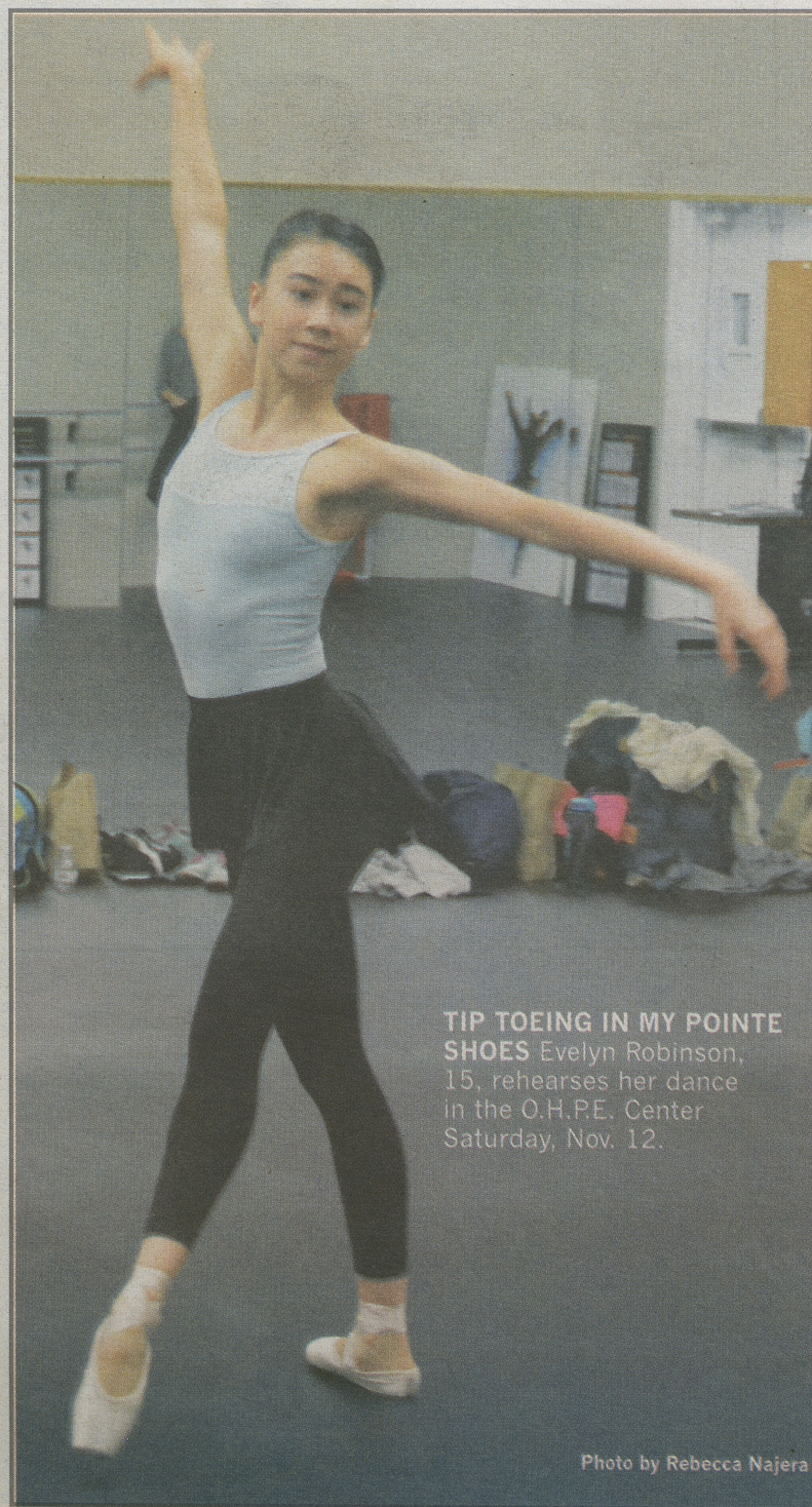
-Carolyn Hanna
TJC Academy of Dance Director

"This ballet has a very special meaning to me since it's one of the first ballets I ever performed," said Hanna. "Dancing in this ballet made me appreciate dance as an art form and I've been so grateful to help many other dancers experience that joy."

Not only is this the play's 28th anniversary at TJC, but this will also be performer Tom Jones' 28th year to be in the production. His wife, Gwen, has also performed in the ballet for a number of years.

"It started in 1989 when Gwen told me they needed men in the party scene," said Mr. Jones. "I told her I can't dance. But anyway, I did it. You always do the things that make your wife happy."

The next year, Mr. Jones auditioned for the part of Drosselmeyer, the protagonist's uncle, and earned the part. Ever since then, that's been his role.



TIP TOEING IN MY POINTE SHOES Evelyn Robinson, 15, rehearses her dance in the O.H.P.E. Center Saturday, Nov. 12.

Photo by Rebecca Najera



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CLASSICS Long time performer Tom Jones holds his wife, Gwen, as she strikes a pose on Saturday Nov. 12.

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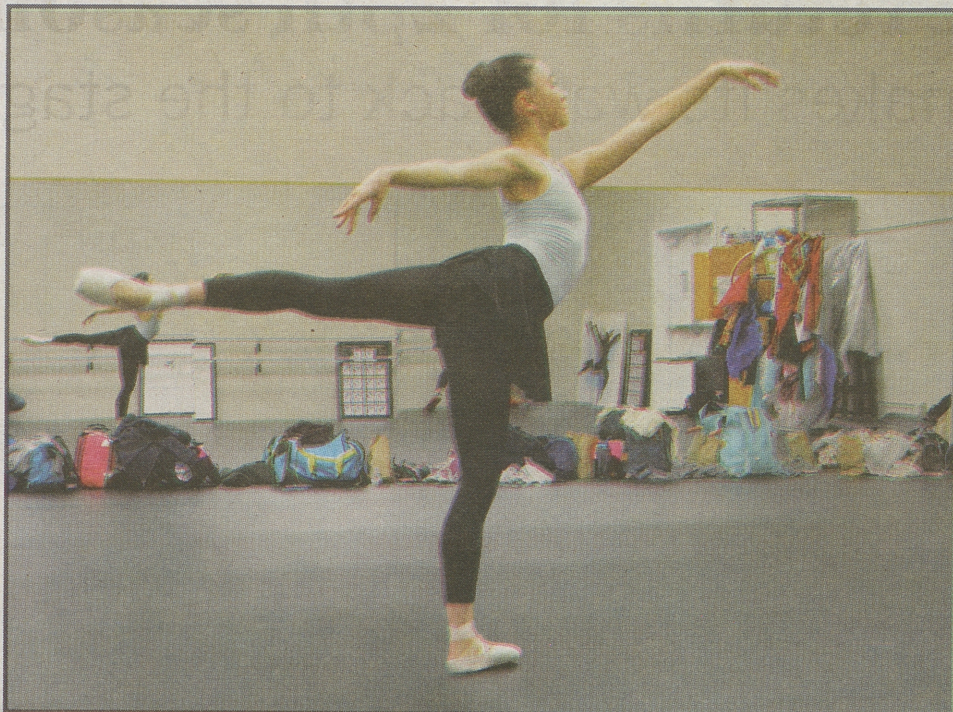


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FINALE Evelyn Robinson, 15, finishes her dance in O.H.P.E. Saturday, Nov. 12.

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"Probably the best part is watching the kids grow up and go through the ranks. From mice...up to the main dancing roles," said Mr. Jones. "It's a great experience."

The Joneses have played their parts on and off stage, helping with props and costumes over the years. They've even helped get families interested in joining the production.

"It is a wonderful introduction to classical music for young people or people who have never seen ballet, or not thought that they would like classical music," said Mrs. Jones. "There are parts in it for adults and children that are not very technically advanced and bring the story down to earth for non-dancers."

The ballet will open Friday, Dec. 2 and end Sunday, Dec. 4. Showtimes will be 7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday.

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-Tom Jones
Actor, *The Nutcracker*

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Men's soccer hosts National Tournament

Apaches stay hot and undefeated in postseason

Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team will be playing host to this year's National Tournament following a 20-win performance this season.

"We're happy to be in the tournament and we're happy to be home—it's just happiness," said sophomore center midfielder Rooby Dalusma.

The men's soccer team won their district tournament hosted and put themselves at an overall record of 20-0. Just the opportunity of reaching that many wins in a season is a milestone itself. Especially in a two-year system that junior colleges offer, coaches are always losing players and new faces are constantly coming in.

"There's a lot of freshmen this year and they have adjusted well and seem to have grown up fast and I think our

sophomores have done a great job of steering them in the right direction," said Hall of Fame Coach Steven Clements.

In this short-term junior college system, there will always be new faces every year. This year, the Apaches feature 19 freshmen out 28 total players on the roster. Many have played significant roles this season in getting them to the National Tournament undefeated. Mohammed Kamara, the freshman forward, is second on the team only to Yazeed Matthews in goals netted this season with 24 and is second in points with 44 as well.

Yazeed Matthews, a sophomore from South Africa, is fourth in the nation in goals with 24 this season. He also is fifth in the nation in points with 55. Matthews has been a major key for this team in terms of having a leader to help bring chemistry as well as points.

Japanese Freshman Yudai Tashiro has also helped carry the load this season

"My philosophy has always been; when we get to the field, the hay is in the barn."

—Steven Clements
Men's Head Soccer Coach

with some clutch goals to secure a couple of the many wins for TJC.

As for Coach Clements, it would seem irregular what he does on the sideline during games and would leave fans to wonder how they've gotten this far by that style of coaching.

"My philosophy has always been; when we get to the field, the hay is in the barn," said Coach Clements. "Once our soccer game starts we don't have timeouts—once that game gets rolling, other than getting those guys back together at halftime and going back out, it's not a



Photo by Benjamin Savallo

EYES ON THE PRIZE Mohammed Kamara focuses on scoring the goal against Hill College during the 4-1 win on Nov. 14, 2016.

whole lot of adjustment."

That is why, during games, he stands behind his bench not calling plays or yelling at players, but analyzing what they need to change come halftime.

Coach Clements' philosophy has worked for him for 15 seasons now and has gotten him five national titles as a coach. So it's clear to see why he does what he does and why he doesn't plan on changing anytime soon.

Pool play opened the National Tournament on Monday, Nov. 14 here in Tyler at the Pat Hartley Field Complex. The tournament will continue on Saturday, Nov. 19 as the TJC Apaches make their push for another National Title.



Photo by Benjamin Savallo

CASHING IN Yazeed Matthews leaves the opposition in the dust as he scores another goal against Hill College in the 4-1 win in the opening round of the NJCAA National Tournament.

The lady Apaches make their return to Florida TJC returns to Melbourne in hopes for National Title

Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team will be traveling to Melbourne, Florida in attempt to capture the ever elusive NJCAA National Championship.

"It's going to be a fight but our team has a lot of heart so I think we're ready," said sophomore forward Cooper Mullins. "I think it's going to be different from last year."

Last year in Florida during the national tournament the Apaches lost out to Monroe College 2-1 in just the second round. As for this season, TJC has been here before; same location, same field, and same aspirations.

"We were there last year so all of our sophomores have been there and so it's more of a comforting zone for them," said Head Coach Corey Rose.

Coach Rose believes this will give them a big advantage opposed to two years before when the missed a national



Photo by Benjamin Savallo

LOOKING TO SCORE Shauni Reid looks to score against the Angelina College defense.

tournament appearance so everyone on the team was new to it. But this year many of the sophomores are glad to be back and ready to make their impact early on in the tournament.

"We want to score early on in the first game just to kind of set the pace

of the game and say that we're going to be working hard throughout the whole tournament and we're not giving up, that we're going to fight," said Mullins.

But of course every season has its obstacles and challenges that every team needs to overcome in order to even reach this part of the season.

"The number one thing in our region, you got a rivalry with Navarro, so it's always looking at them as our main competition knowing it's always going to be a battle," said Coach Rose.

TJC took two games against Navarro this season with the second match for the Regional Championship that went into overtime. The Apaches triumphed over Navarro 3-2.

The lady Apaches seem to have taken a liking to overtime drama because they battled their way to the District Championship match which went into double overtime where TJC came out on top again 2-1.

So the journey here hasn't exactly

been a walk in the park for the Apaches but they are here nonetheless.

TJC started pool play against Darton State on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and then against Iowa Western Community College on Wednesday, Nov. 16 before the semifinals that will start on Friday, Nov. 18.



Photo by Benjamin Savallo

OFF TO THE RACES Carlota Suarez races the Angelina College defender for possession of the ball in the 7-0 blowout on Oct. 27, 2016.

Letting go of sports is a hard thing to ask of someone

Column



Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

Growing up in a small town where the main commodity was football, where we only won maybe three games through my high school career, there were never any star athletes.

There were no five-star players that were being heavily recruited to go play basketball

at Duke. There were no football all-stars that had a chance to go play for the University of Texas. But that doesn't change the fact that we all loved what we had learned to do from the time we could walk.

I was fortunate enough to have coaches good enough to take us to playoffs every year I played baseball. But I also played basketball all four years and football my senior year. So I was around all of it enough to know what each sport meant to every person that played it or was just involved in it.

In high school, baseball

season is the last sport of the school year. So I had my senior nights in football and basketball but they never hit me like the end of baseball did. Football, we didn't win a game the two years before so I didn't have high hopes for the season that I joined. Basketball, I was just good enough to make it onto the varsity bench of an all white team and that about sums it up. We weren't anything to talk about either and I had just started playing basketball, so I

didn't really have that emotional connection like I did baseball.

But nevertheless, a lot of athletes have to continue their student careers instead of their athletic careers. For instance, my last baseball game was against a heavily favored team in the playoffs. We were playing a three game series with them and we took game one and they took game two.

But long story short, we were outdone by an over matched team. I was at first and the only other senior on the

team was playing second and we looked at each other and just knew this was it. Every athlete that has ever played the game they're passionate about has had that moment. The moment when they come to terms with playing their last game.

It's the last time they put on that jersey, it's the last time they'll slip on the sneakers or cleats, the last time they'll hear the crowd cheer for them. It hurts knowing that it's time to move on and life is moving on with or without. But as I said before, life goes on.

‘Angel Tree’ lifts spirits TJC encouraged to donate toys, other gifts for underprivileged

Alexis Long
Student Life Editor

With plenty of holidays coming right around the corner, the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Tyler Junior College looks to give back to the community through “angel trees”.

“We put up a Christmas tree during the holidays and on each ornament we place items that are of need for people in the community who are maybe not so well blessed during these holidays and are in a little bit of extra need,” said Student Occupational Therapy Association Vice President Saci Davila. “Here at TJC or in any community, we can collect these items and give them out to people who are needing them in the community just as a little giving back during the holidays.”

The trees will be set up in various locations around TJC’s main campus for a month, starting on Nov. 10 through Finals Week.

“We’re hoping to get as many donations as we can before the semester ends and before it gets too close to the holidays,” said Department Chair for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program Elizabeth Olivier.

According to Davila, although this is the

second year for the program to host the angel tree event, the program has seen a “massive donation turnout”.

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—Elizabeth Olivier
Department Chair - Occupational Therapy
Assistant program

Davila adds that TJC’s Physical Therapy program may be involved as well as the Baptist Student Ministry and she and Olivier hope to get a tree set up in Pirtle.

During last year’s angel tree event, Olivier said that the event helped Grounds for Justice, a non-profit organization that helps support victims

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Courtesy Photo

MERRY BARK-MAS Not only will the angel trees look to help people in need, but pets as well. The program is working to get a donations list for Pets for People and O’Malley Alley Cats.

Apache Signers prepares for their Christmas show

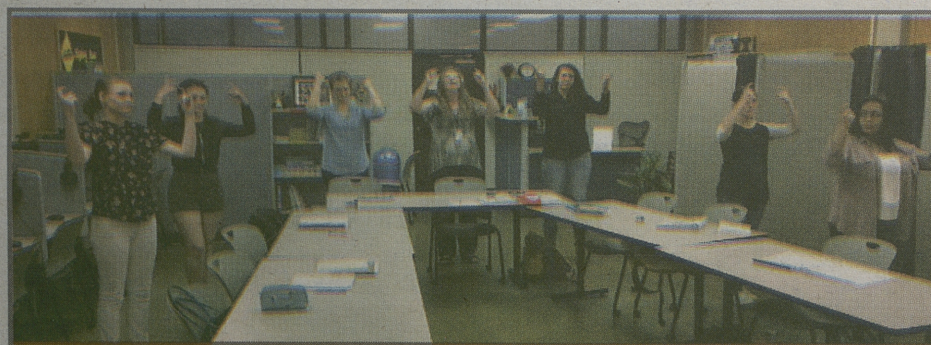


Photo by Aji Sakho

SIGNERS WELCOME The Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center will host a fundraising event with the Apache Signers on Dec. 3. The group will go head-to-head with Whitehouse and Robert E. Lee’s American Sign Language groups.

Aji Sakho
Staff Writer

Hands raised, curving inwards and outwards while swiftly moving in any possible direction to turn motions into words, the Apache Signers rehearse for their competition on Dec. 3.

Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center (TDHHC) has organized a fundraising event inviting this performance group to not only go head to head with Whitehouse and Robert E Lee’s ASL groups (American Sign Language), but also coordinate it as well.

“They are all gonna compete with the

song “Frosty the Snowman,” and there’ll be two hearing and two deaf judges and they have a judging sheet in what they are looking for,” said Rhonda McKenzie, Department Chair and Sign Language Interpreter.

The title of the show is “Kiss, Fist, Christmas,” which translates in sign language to “I love Christmas.”

“I will be doing the frosty part so I’ll dress up as the snowman, but my goal would just be able to give a good interpretation of the song in ASL so that anyone there, hearing or deaf, could enjoy

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of sex trafficking. Olivier adds that the event is also great for those who sometimes get overlooked during the holiday season.

"There are many angel trees across the Tyler community that are geared towards providing families and children and of course that's a wonderful thing to do, but there are folks who are living in nursing homes in the community that don't have family near by and don't really get remembered in the same way during the holiday season," said Olivier.

Not only will the event look to help people in need, but pets as well. The program will work to get a donations list for Pets for People and O'Malley Alley Cats.

"We would just like to encourage anyone to get involved. They don't have to be a part of these organizations to

donate. Any time someone sees one of the trees, all they have to do is choose an ornament off the tree," said Daliva. "It will be labeled with an item and they can just go to Wal-Mart or wherever, purchase that item, and then put the tag on it and turn it in to donation box that will be next to the tree."



Courtesy Photo

JINGLE BELLS Everyone is encouraged to donate various items for the angel trees from Nov. 9- Dec. 10.

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and have a good time," said Ashley Ward, Apache Signer.

The Apache Signers have been a performance group since 2008 when it was founded by Rhonda McKenzie and had a total of six members. They people in the group were minimum because learning sign language is difficult.

"It's really limited to more of the upper level people who are in the interpreting program so that way it's easier for them to learn because it's hard to learn how to (sign)," said McKenzie.

The members of this group have also been involved with sign language for a majority of their lives. Erika Manzanarez who was actually a law major was drawn to this group and decided to join as she has already been involved with sign language.

"The program that I was in, they taught us a few courses, our ABC's and our 123

type of thing...I just fell in love and I went in full force," she said.

The Apache Signers showcased their talents at various events and places such as Barnes and Nobles Bookstore where they used ASL during story time. It consisted of the members interpreting storybooks in sign language for children.

"Our first thing we did was homecoming, and we did the Alma Mater and the National Anthem," said McKenzie. "The next thing we did was perform at the mall when we were able to perform at the mall and we did a Christmas show for that...we try to do things that the deaf community would be interested in," said McKenzie.

People that are hard of hearing and deaf are invited the competition, which will be located at Woodmen Of The World on Sybil Lane from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank you

"Finding out what career path to follow is hard, and I can't thank Mrs. Krantz enough for showing me what journalism really is. I was used to people trashing media and she showed me the traditional honest journalist work. Having my first writing class with her definitely influenced my decision. Mr. Gray actually was the one to show me how, with honesty and a lot of work, I am able to make a change. I felt like a real journalist with his advising this past semester."

Julia Contarelli -- Editor-in-Chief

"Fewer than two years ago, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I had no future plans, no career goals and most importantly, no passion. After learning from Krantz, I realized journalism and public relations was what I was meant to do. These guys have helped me tremendously. Thanks to them, I have a career path, I am more confident in my abilities, I understand where I'm going after TJC and I couldn't thank them enough. Though, I still believe in Oxford commas. Thanks guys. Krantz, Gray and J, you guys rock."

Marshall Cearfoss -- Managing Editor

"Finding yourself is a journey that, for most people, starts once they leave home to go to college. This

Derik Gray

journey normally takes years, but finding the correct path in which to follow is something that differs from person to person. Mr. Gray showed me a cool side to the broadcasting industry that I was unaware of. He also helped me realize what was the right path for me as an individual."

Alex Dickson -- News Editor

"Mrs. Krantz is a huge reason as to why I'm in the position that I am at TJC. Leaving high school, never did I think I would be writing for a newspaper. I was coming here more for the broadcasting side of journalism. But I am sure glad she opened my eyes to this career path. But as for Mr. Gray he showed me why I chose that career path in the first place. As much as I love the newspaper, broadcasting is just something else entirely and both of them have played a huge part in molding the reporter that I am today. And for that I thank you."

Benjamin Savallo -- Sports Editor

"When I was in 7th grade, I knew I wanted to be a journalist. I just wasn't sure how to get there. Coming to TJC and working with Mrs. Krantz really boosted my confidence and paved the path for my career as a journalist. She is the type of person who is intimidating

Laura Krantz

in the best way possible. I can honestly say I hope my future boss is like her. She pushes me to be not just a journalist, but also a good one. Thanks to her, I know I'm on the right path. Ad Victoriam."

Alexis Long -- Student Life Editor

"Mrs. Jennische introduced me to the communications world, and after actually diving into it, and later getting to work with Krantz and Gray, I finally figured out what I wanted to do with my life. I found what I was passionate about, and I couldn't be more thankful."

Rebecca Najera -- Arts Editor

"I feel honored to have such great mentors, they are always here for us and I've learned more about myself than ever working with them this semester, they're inspiring. I was never certain of what I wanted for my life, although journalism was always one of my options. Seeing Krantz, Gray and J everyday and learning from them was what really made me fall in love with this career. I have a lot to learn and I'm thankful for having all of them on my 'I want to be like that when I grow up' list."

Barbara Arroio -- Web Editor

Rachel Jennische

Nine items stolen within 19 days in same area on campus

Campus police adds patrols due to Theft crimes in locker rooms, parking lot, O.H.P.E.

Julia Contarelli
Editor-in-Chief

Cell Phones, laptops, wallets and a backpack - nine items were stolen in 19 days in the same area on campus.

"After our phones were taken, some basketball girl's phones were taken not too long after that. So now everybody is locking their doors and being more precautions on things like that," said Halee Brewer, TJC student who had her phone stolen.

The items reported to Campus Police as stolen were in the Apache Pass and S. Palmer Ave intersection. The buildings where ,Wagstaff gymnasium and O.H.P.E.

Also, the parking lot in front of both buildings, S/R-13.

The police reports include a total of four phones, two wallets, a backpack, a laptop and \$284. All the items were left unattended.

"The common denominator is that they left their items unattended and then later come back. Crimes of opportunity."

-Randy Melton
Chief of Campus Police

"The common denominator is that they left their items unattended and then later come back. Crimes of opportunity," said Chief of Campus Police, Randy Melton. "The main thing is reduce opportunity. Here on this campus, on the mall, anywhere, do not leave your items unattended," said Chief Melton.

Girls from the volleyball team left their cell phones in the locker room in the Wagstaff gymnasium and went to practice. When back, their phones weren't there anymore.

"We actually were in practice when our phones were taking. We don't normally lock our locker rooms, which we never really had to, we never had problems," said Brewer. "We just went to practice like usual, left our locker rooms unlocked, when practice was over we came back and three of our phones were gone."

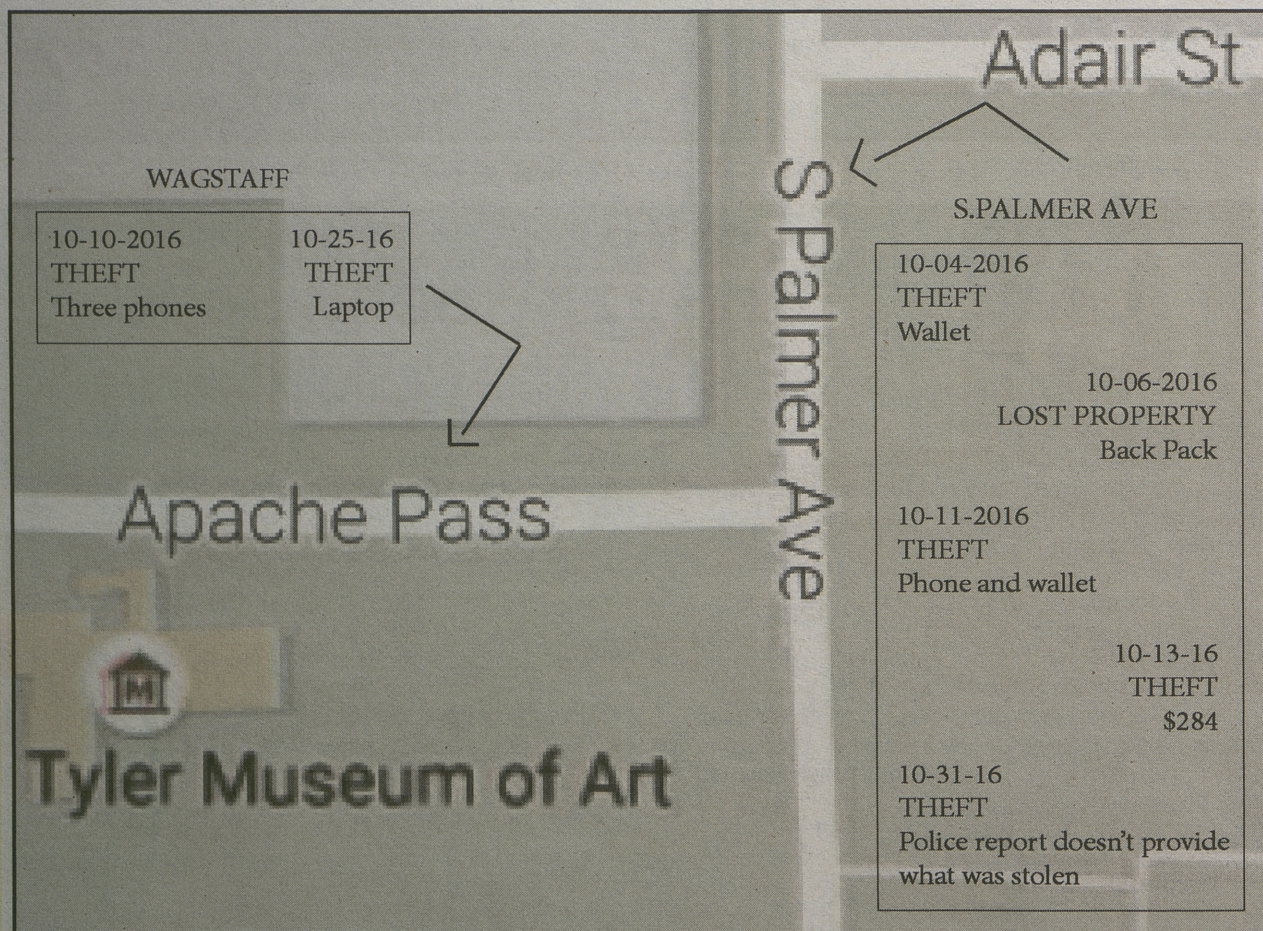
Brewer didn't file a police report, but two of her teammates who had their phones taken did.

"I didn't do the police report, I just didn't think they would be able to help me enough. Other than that, hearing that other people's things have been stolen, cellphones, laptops and things like that and what they said about how the police report went," said Brewer.

Chief Melton changed the route of a few ambassadors to try to prevent these incidents, now adding more eyes in the area of the recent crimes. He also emphasizes the importance for students to report any and all crimes to campus police.

"How can the police know to help you, if we don't know about it? If you don't report things for us, 'I can't read tea leaves.' We can't help you if you do not report," said Melton.

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Graphic by Julia Contarelli

MAP OF O.H.P.E., WAGSTAFF INTERSECTION AND S/R -13 PARKING LOT Information collected in police reports classified as Theft during the moth of October.

-Randy Melton
Chief of Campus Police

Student arrested for involvement with shooting on campus

Campus police issues two warrants, nine students face Student Code of Conduct violations

Julia Contarelli
Editor-in-Chief

A student was arrested in connection with a shooting that took place on campus on Sept. 12.

TJC student Tyron Lamon Shead, 19, was arrested on Thursday, Nov. 10, on campus. He faces two third-degree felony charges: possession of prohibited weapon on campus and tamper/fabricated physical evidence with intent to impair.

The shooting occurred outside of Sledge Hall the week of homecoming. Shead is currently in the Smith County Jail.

According to the TJC Press Statement, TJC Campus Police has also issued warrants for two other individuals. Nine other students face Student Code of Conduct violations, and the names won't be disclosed due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

"Bringing firearms on campus illegally and discharging

those firearms on campus is irresponsible and dangerous," said TJC Police Chief Randy Melton. "These defendants purposefully committed criminal acts and put other students at risk in the process. TJC has worked tirelessly to bring the appropriate individuals to justice."

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TYRON SHEAD MUG SHOT He faces two third-degree felony charges.

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Students, faculty react to 2016 presidential election

Concerns from community come to light after election results announced

Alex Dickson
News Editor

The night of the election brought forth many different emotions for Americans across the United States. Tyler Junior College is feeling the effects of the surprising night.

"I was surprised [after the election], I don't even know that you'd call it shocked, but I was surprised. I thought it would go one way, and it didn't but the people have spoken," said Michael Mast, professor of government at TJC.

There are many different feelings circulating after the election results were announced, leaving both parties having mixed feelings.

"I was embarrassed for my country, because I love my country. I think that I am from the greatest country in this entire world," said sophomore Montana Moore.

After the election results were announced, some rioting ensued. The rioting itself however, is not against the law.

"We have the right to assemble, and to address our grievances, that is a right. To be quite honest with

you, I've just seen what I have seen on television. But as far as protesting, that's our rights as Americans. If Mrs. Clinton would've won and the other side wanted to protest, they would have that right," Mast said.

"I am praying that little to nothing changes or if we do have changes, I feel like I may have to move out of the country because there may be some drastic changes and it will interfere with me as a black, female college student."

-Montana Moore
TJC sophomore

People on both sides of the aisle are wondering what may come from a Trump presidency. The

uncertainty could make some people uneasy about what could happen.

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Mast believes the country should wait before making any assumptions.

"I am taking a 'wait and see attitude,' and I think that's what we all should do. One thing I am very displeased with was when Obama was elected that several of the senators had made it up in their minds that he'd be a one time president," said Mast.

While there are many different approaches to take to the situation regarding the Trump presidency, Mast believes respect is not something that is being seen right now.

"People should always respect the position of President, that was one of the things that was distasteful in this election, the lack of respect. That goes on both sides, you should respect the office of president," Mast said.

COMMUNITY

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maintenance department to essentially designate areas to each organization or department and they can adopt a building and try to keep TJC beautiful. Focusing on the external part of the building, picking up trash and keeping it clean," said Tyler.

"If I happen to see you picking up a piece of trash, I would like to give you a reward. Aramark, including Chick-fil-A, Subway and the cafeteria have agreed to participate, but we haven't gotten that far yet."

-Mark Gartman
Associate Director of Facilities & Construction

According to Gartman's project: "If 1,200 (about 10 percent of TJC's enrollment) throw one piece of trash on the ground it becomes 1,200 pieces of litter that pollutes our college grounds. If the same number (1,200) of students pick up one piece of trash than the campus is not polluted by garbage... Encourage students to take pride in their campus and encourage others not to litter."

To keep students motivated to pitch in on the initiative, Gartman plans on rewarding those who do. Aramark has pledged support for this program by providing coupons and specials for those students who participate.

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The project is still in its planning phase. According to Gartman and Tyler, full information about the initiative will be given to students during the spring semester. They expect it to become not only a student initiative, but a campus-wide one.

According to Gartman's project: "Student buy-in as well as faculty and staff support will make a difference in this trash problem on our campus."

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Volleyball heads north for the National Tournament

Lady Apaches are bouncing back to secure a No. 10 seed

Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

The NJCAA came out with the Division One Championship Tournament announcements in which they placed the Tyler Junior College Apaches as the No. 10 seed.

"We still have a lot to prove obviously and no one is going to hand us a match or not work as hard because they think we're not good but hopefully we can prove some people wrong," said freshman setter Rachel Reeve.

TJC has been looked at as a 'cakewalk' by other teams according to Head Coach Brandi Hood. And after finishing the season one win over .500, the Apaches believe they still have a lot to prove.

But in recent weeks the Lady Apaches have been able to prove at least one thing: they will produce wins when needed most. This team has proven they have the heart and perseverance by turning things around during the regular season and the regional tournament with their backs against the wall.

"We were so focused on the end result that we weren't playing it match by match. But we changed it, we rethought about stuff-obviously you have to make changes when you're having a losing streak or whatever the case may be," said Coach Hood.

The volleyball team started off the 2016 season 4-1 before the tournament at Blinn College. During that tournament things began to spiral downwards for these

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-Brandy Hood
Head Volleyball coach

ladies going just 4-9 from Sept. 9 - Oct. 1.

But during the month of October, TJC was able to turn things around heading into their last two conference match-ups against Trinity Valley and Navarro.


The Apaches took both matches to finish out the regular season with a conference record of 3-3 and an overall record of 14-13. TJC was able to save their season and earned a spot in the regional tournament.

Tyler lost their first match against Wharton County but was able to turn things around with their season on the line with each game and beat their in-conference rival, Trinity Valley. Then played Wharton County once more and handed them a loss and went on to earn themselves some hardware from the Regional Tournament.

TJC played their first match against Northwest College on Thursday, Nov. 17 in Casper, Wyoming for the first round of the National Tournament.

For more results and scheduling on the women's volleyball national tournament visit the NJCAA official website.

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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Class Day/Time	Final Exam Day	Final Exam Time
7 a.m., MWF	Mon., Dec. 5	7 a.m.-8:50 a.m.
9 a.m., MWF, 9:50 MW	Mon., Dec. 5	9 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
11 a.m., MWF, 11:15 MW	Mon., Dec. 5	11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
1 p.m. MW & MWF	Mon., Dec. 5	1 p.m.-2:50 p.m.
12:40 p.m. MW	Mon., Dec. 5	1 p.m.-2:50 p.m.
3:50 p.m., MW, 3:30 MW	Mon., Dec. 5	3 p.m.-4:50 p.m.
8:25 a.m. TR	Tues., Dec. 6	8:25 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. TR	Tues., Dec. 6	11:15 a.m.-1:05 p.m.
2:05 & 2:25 p.m. TR	Tues., Dec. 6	2:05 a.m.- 3:55 p.m.
8 a.m., MWF, 8:25 MW	Wed., Dec. 7	8 a.m.-9:50 a.m.
10 a.m. MWF	Wed., Dec. 7	10 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
12 noon, MWF	Wed., Dec. 7	12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.
2 p.m., MWF, 2:05 MW & 2:25 p.m. MW	Wed., Dec. 7	2 p.m.-3:50 p.m.
7 a.m., TR	Thurs., Dec. 8	7 a.m.-8:50 a.m.
9:50 a.m., TR	Thurs., Dec. 8	9:50 a.m.- 11:40 a.m.
12:40 & 1 p.m., TR	Thurs., Dec. 8	12:40 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
3 p.m., TR	Thurs. Dec. 8	3 p.m.-4:50 p.m.

EVENING CLASSES

Class Day/Time	Final Exam Day	Final Exam Time
5:35 & 6 p.m., M & MW	Mon., Dec. 5	5:30-&:20 p.m.
7 p.m., M & MW	Mon., Dec. 5	7:30 p.m.-9:20 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., T & TR	Tues., Dec. 6	5:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m.
7 p.m., T	Tues., Dec. 6	7:30 p.m.-9:20 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., W	Wed., Dec. 7	5:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m.
7 p.m., W	Wed., Dec. 7	7:30 p.m.-9:20 p.m.
5:30 & 6 p.m., R	Thurs., Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m.
7 p.m., R	Thurs., Dec. 8	7:30 p.m.-9:20 p.m.

Fall 2016 – last day of regular classes Friday Dec. 2

Saturday Classes—Dec. 3, at regularly scheduled time and place